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NATIONAL AIDS CONTROL PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of AIDS in India is less as compared to that of in African and Western countries;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether Technical Advisory Committee of the National AIDS Control Organisation has been dissolved;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the alternative arrangement made by the Government to ensure effective monitoring of the measures to control AIDS in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The cumulative number of reported AIDS cases in India is less as compared to that in Africa and Western countries. This is due to early entry of HIV infection in the population of these countries.However, the number of AIDS cases reported in India is underestimated because of inadequate reporting and diagnostic facilities across the country.

(c) to (e): Yes, Sir. However, in Phase II of National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) Technical resource groups have beer constituted in 11 different thematic areas like Targeted Interventions, Legal & ethical, Prevention in Workplace, Counseling, Blood safety & transfusion services, Prevention & Control of Sexually Transmitted Infections, Research & development, Clinical management and Hospital infection control, Women, Children & AIDS, Intravenous drug use and Epidemiology & HIV testing to ensure effective monitoring of the measures to control AIDS in the country.